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REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION

Sir:

The Applicant respectfully requests the issue of a Certificate of Correction for the above noted patent.

The requested corrections are as follows:

1. Specification, column 3, line 22: Replace the number “WO95/303 18” with the number --WO95/30318--.
2. Specification, column 6, line 60: Replace the word “NTT” with the word --NTI--.
3. Specification, column 7, line 27: Insert a period after the word “thereof”.
4. Specification, column 12, line 27: Replace the word “VPIVCI” with the word --VPI/VCI--.
5. Specification, column 12, line 40: Insert a period after the word “ref”.
6. Specification, column 13, line 12: Replace the comma after the number “1” with a period.
7. Specification, column 13, line 17: Insert a period after the word “interval”.
8. Specification, column 13, line 35: Insert a period after the word “thereto”.
9. Claim 1, column 17, line 11: Replace the word “record” with the word --records--.
10. Claim 10, column 18, line 26: Replace the number “1” with the number --9--.

Please find enclosed a completed Form PTO/SB/44 (“Certificate of Correction”) indicating the above corrections.

The errors for which corrections are requested were made by the Patent Office (i.e., items 1-7 and 10 above) and by the Applicant (i.e., items 8-9 above).

The above corrections are fully supported by the Applicant’s specification as filed and by the “Examiner’s Amendment” in the “Notice of Allowability” included with the “Notice of Allowance” mailed April 12, 2007. A copy of the Notice of Allowability is enclosed for reference.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge all necessary fees and to credit Deposit Account No. 150633 in the name of McCarthy Tétrault LLP (Customer No. 27,155).

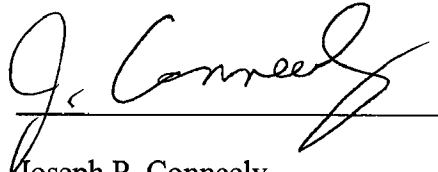
No new matter has been entered by the above corrections.

Respectfully submitted,

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Date: September 27, 2007

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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
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TITLE OF INVENTION: MPLS IMPLEMENTATION ON AN ATM PLATFORM

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed on 10/13/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 12-16, 18-22 (renumbered 1-10, respectively).
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
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6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
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9. ☐ Other _____

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SUPERVISORY PATENT EXAMINER
TECHNOLOGY CENTER 2600

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Robert Nakano on 1/5/07.

The application has been amended as follows:

Refer to the attached document for the amended claims.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Rhonda Murphy whose telephone number is (571) 272-3185. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 8:00 - 4:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chau Nguyen can be reached on (571) 272-3126. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Interview Summary

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Rhonda Murphy.

(3)_____.

(2) Robert Nakano.

(4)_____.

Date of Interview: 05 January 2007.

Type: a)☒ Telephonic b)☐ Video Conference
c)☐ Personal [copy given to: 1)☐ applicant 2)☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d)☐ Yes e)☒ No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 3-5,7,9,12-16 and 18-30.

Identification of prior art discussed: _____.

Agreement with respect to the claims f)☒ was reached. g)☐ was not reached. h)☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant agreed to withdraw claims 3-5,7,9 and 23-30. Claims 12 and 19 have been amended to replace the term "connection" with "LDP", and claim 19 is now properly dependent upon claim 12.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Proposed Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims is proposed to replace all prior versions of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. (Cancelled)

Claim 2. (Cancelled)

Claim 3. (Withdrawn)

Claim 4. (Withdrawn)

Claim 5. (Withdrawn)

Claim 6. (Cancelled)

Claim 7. (Withdrawn)

Claim 8. (Cancelled)

Claim 9. (Withdrawn)

Claim 10. (Cancelled)

Claim 11. (Cancelled)

Claim 12. (Proposed Amendment) A method of establishing a label switched path (LSP) over a MPLS routing domain, ~~established within an IP over ATM network~~, comprising the steps of:

- (a) receiving a LSP setup request for connecting an ingress node in said MPLS routing domain with an egress node;
- (b) defining a unique LSP ID for said LSP and establishing a signalling link between said ingress and egress node, by creating a label distribution protocol (LDP) session at said ingress node, egress node and each hop along said LSP;
- (c) associating all said LDP sessions to said LSP; and
- (d) establishing said LSP for transmitting traffic along said LSP between said ingress and egress nodes by

providing at said ingress node a retry timer tracking an interval of time based on a back off mechanism for enabling successive attempts to establish said LSP at increasing retry intervals;

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selecting one record from a list of record relating to a plurality of requests for ~~connections~~ LSPs;
attempting to establish a ~~connection~~ LSP relating to said one record; ~~said connection being related to said LSP~~; and
if said ~~connection~~ LSP relating to said one record is established, then marking said one record as being successfully ~~connected~~ established,
otherwise re-attempting to establish said ~~connection~~ LSP at said increasing time intervals, each of said successive increasing time interval being greater than a last interval ~~by said regular interval of time~~.

Claim 13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 12, wherein said retry timer provides an initial retry interval of T seconds, and each next successive retry interval is longer than a previous period of time by T seconds.

Claim 14. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 13 wherein the sum of the increasing retry intervals does not exceed a maximum time value.

Claim 15. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 13 wherein said LSP is a signaling LSP.

Claim 16. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 13 wherein T is 10 seconds.

Claim 17. (Cancelled)

Claim 18. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 12, wherein:
each record of said list of records includes a respective time field; and
said selecting one record from said list comprises, at each said increasing retry interval
and for said each record in said list of records:
decrementing a time value stored in said each respective time field; and

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if the time value for any said each respective time field is zero, then selecting the record associated with the any said each respective time field as said one record.

Claim 19 (Proposed Amendment) The method as claimed in claim ~~17~~, 12, wherein said re-attempting to establish said ~~connection~~ LSP occurs only if the sum of the increasing retry intervals does not exceed a maximum time value.

Claim 20. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 19 wherein said maximum time value is sixty seconds.

Claim 21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 12, wherein said step (b) comprises: establishing at least another signaling link between said ingress and egress node, and selecting one of said signaling link and said another signaling link utilizing a round robin algorithm.

Claim 22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 21, further comprising not selecting any of said signaling links whenever said network does not have sufficient resources for establishing one of said signaling links.

Claim 23. (Withdrawn)

Claim 24. (Withdrawn)

Claim 25. (Withdrawn)

Claim 26. (Withdrawn)

Claim 27. (Withdrawn)

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